



IOM Egypt launches the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Handbook for the North African Region

February 19th In response to the growing need to facilitate and assist the voluntary return and reintegration of vulnerable migrants in North Africa, IOM Egypt has launched *the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Handbook for the North African Region*. This handbook will serve as a tool to build the capacity of governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other relevant partners in North Africa to establish effective Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programmes, in accordance with IOM standards.

AVRR is an indispensable part of IOM's comprehensive approach to migration governance that supports the orderly and humane return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

The AVRR Handbook for the North African Region will also serve to train AVRR staff and be used as a reference for best practice. The handbook is structured into two sections. The first section of the handbook provides an introduction to AVRR within the North African context and describes IOM's global and regional policies concerning AVRR. The second section offers guidelines, best practice, tips, case studies, and recommendations relating to the various stages of the AVRR process. This section also contains specific chapters that address the various types of vulnerable migrants and defines the proper AVRR mechanisms that are required.



IOM reintegration officer pays a visit to a family that returned to South Sudan @ IOM 2013

The handbook, inspired by the IOM global internal handbook for AVRR, was developed specifically to consolidate IOM's extensive experience and expertise in implementing AVRR programmes in North Africa specifically. With a central focus on North Africa the handbook has been adapted for an external audience and designed as a useful guide for relevant stakeholders in the region to set up AVRR programmes

The production of the handbook was a key objective achieved under the "Regional Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme for Stranded Migrants in Egypt and Libya (RAVEL)". RAVEL, which was funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Italian Government, aimed at assisting the voluntary return and reintegration of migrants stranded in Libya and Egypt with a specific

focus on Ethiopia and Sudan as countries of return. An important aim of the project was to enhance the above mentioned Governmental capacities to assist migrants respectively in the return and in the reintegration, ensuring a humane, dignified and sustainable approach to migrant governance.

The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Handbook for the North African Region is currently available in English at:

http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=47&products_id=1064 and will soon be released in Arabic.

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